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The construction and plan of this building stands in sharp contrast to the small one room school house on the opposite side of the road. This one was built in 1951-1952, while the latter was constructed in 1895. Both were constructed as schools for black children in a segregated school system. The modern one was names for Edward U. Taylor, the Supervisor of Negro Education in Montgomery County from 1923-1951. Included in this report is a history of Edward Taylor and of this school, copied from the Dedicatory Souvenir and Program. Also included is a more recent history of the Taylor School.

According to the <u>Dedicatory Souvenir and Program</u>, the forerunners of the Edward U. Taylor School were one room schools at Montgomery, Poolesville, Boyds, Sugarland, Sellman, and Clarksburg. Children who attended the Taylor School are descendants of former students of these 19th century, one room schools.

The original 6.95 acres of this school lot was purchased by Addison Duffin in 1900 from Sarah and Joseph Saks (deed 14/67). He farmed this land until it was sold to Leslie Garner, who in turn sold it to the Board of Education in 1951 for the new school (deed 1546/506). Duffin also owned the property along Hoyle's Mill Road (parcels: DU51-P41 & P68), and farmed that, too. On parcel DU51-P100, directly behind the school lot was his barn where he sheltered his stock.

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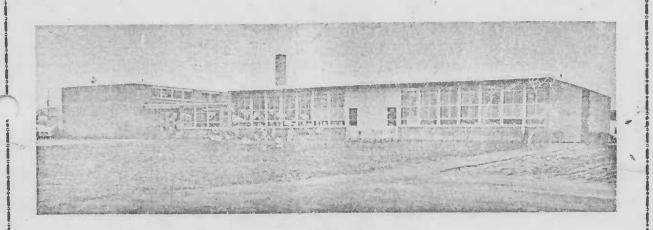
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EDWARD U. TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BOYD, MARYLAND



MR. EDWARD U. TAYLOR

I would be brave through all that I must mee, With petty cares I'd do the best I can, But whether mine the victor or defeat, Lord, let me know I've battled as a man.

- Edgar Allen Guest

This book is a tribute to our late Supervisor, Mr. Edward U. Taylor, to Dr. Edwin W. Broome, our retiring superintendent, to our faculty, children, parents, patrons and friends of the Edward U. Taylor School. We have longed for this day. We only wish the person who visualized this building on this spot of ground were present to share in its dedication.

We view the future with great hopes, expecting that this building will touch the lives of people who are unmindful of its purpose. We visualize it as a community house, bringing closer relationship between school, home and church, a community house meeting the needs of the community and guiding the lives

of the children, youth and adults.

This book is portraying elementary school interests. Therefore, with simplicity of understanding and on an easy level it has been prepared, so that the average intermediate child can grasp its meaning and can enjoy reading its contents, that the lives and works of those printed herein will inspire some to follow their examples.

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THE HISTORY OF EDWARD U. TAYLOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Edward U. Taylor Elementary School is another unit of the county-wide consolidation project of Montgomery County. Its construction began during rhe summer of 1951 and was completed in September, 1952. Immediately after Mr. Taylor's passing on November 7, 1951, a joint request was sent to the Board of Education from the Sellman and Clarksburg Parent-Teacher Associations asking that the school, upon completion, be named The Edward U. Taylor Elementary School in honor of our late supervisor. The request was granted.

Taylor Elementary School is a consolidation of two former consolidated schools located at Sellman and Clarksburg. In 1936 a two-room addition was made to the Sellman School. As a result the schools at Sugarland and Martinsburg were closed and fused with Sellman. The completion of a one-room addition at Clarksburg in November, 1936 resulted in closing the schools at Boyd and Hyattstown, Four years ago, in September, 1949 the Poolesville School was closed and consolidated with Sellman. The closing of Poolesville School left only two schools in upper Montgomery County, one at Clarksburg and the other at Sellman.

FORERUNNERS OF THE EDWARD U. TAYLOR SCHOOL

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The opening of Taylor School at Boyd in September, 1952 was the realization of a dream of the one fro whom it is named. Mr. Taylor's untimely passing prevented his seeing the job completed, but the school stands for his wish for the children of Montgomery County—an environment conducive to effective learning.

In Taylor School may be found four main teaching stations. There is also a general-purpose room, the main section of which houses the kindergarten with the sixth grade occupying the stage. The Principal's office, the cafeteria, and the storage closets are other additional features.

Taylor Elementary School is under the capable principalship of Mr. Samuel T. Jones of West Chester, Pennsylvania. Mr. Jones came to Montgomery County in September, 1944 to become principal of Sellman School. He filled that capacity until the new unit at Boyd was opened. Mr. Jones holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Cheyney State Teachers College, Cheyney, Pennsylvania and a Master of Science Degree in Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. The other five members of the faculty include Miss Lillian L. Giles, Music and Kindergarten teacher; Mrs. Clara B. Boyd, First Grade; Mrs. Marylyn D. Arter, Second and Third Grades; Miss Mary E. Johnson, Third and Fourth Grades; Miss Mary L. Pratt, Fourth and Fifth Grades. In addition to carrying out his duties as Principal, Mr. Jones teaches the Sixth Grade. Miss Betty Talley of Buck Lodge is secretary.

The cafeteria is managed very efficiently by Mrs. Grace Jackson of Sellman, with Mrs. Ethel Graham of Martinsburg, serving as substitute.

The enrollment at Taylor is 221, with an average of thirty- seven pupils per teacher. With the transfer of many pupils from other schools and from other sections of the county as well as the entrance of pupils from the immediate school communities Taylor faces a possibility of overcrowding. A two-room addition, however, is in the county's building program for the next year.

It is the aim of the pupils, the faculty, the parents, the patrons, and the well wishers of Taylor Elementary School to make it stand and to keep it standing for one of the purposes for which it was built—a most attractive and pleasant place in which to live, to learn, and to share.





WIFE AND MOTHER

NOTICE

Mr. Taylor's widow, Mrs. Maude Taylor and his mother, Mrs. Anna Taylor, reside in Emory Grove. The three children are: Lt. Ulysses M. Taylor, now serving in Korea, 2nd Lt. Edward V. Taylor and Mrs. Joan T. Kelly.

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HISTORY OF EDWARD U. TAYLOR

Mr. Edward U. Taylor, the late son of Mrs. Anna and the late Isaiah Taylor, was born in Emory Grove, Maryland in 1898. He attended the Emory Grove School under Mrs. Maud Howard, now retired teacher of Montgomery County and others. After completing the first step in education, he lived with his father's sister, while attending the Dunbar High School in Washington, D. C., because his county did not afford secondary education for its Negro children at that time.

It is related by the Dr. Sewell, a classmate of Mr. Taylor's, and now a doctor in Norbeck, Maryland, that Mr. Taylor, while a student at high school, participated in the cadet corp, drilled as other boys, and was a star pitcher on the baseball team. Mr. Sewell supported his buddy in the outfield.

It is also said that a very eminent and great historian was one of the instructors of the two men mentioned. Maybe inspiration radiated from this person, the late Carter G. Woodson, into the hearts and minds of his students. Like Dr. Woodson, whose influence is far reaching, Mr. Taylor's progressive educational desire is ringing through out Montgomery County today. This second step in education was completed in due course. However, not having satisfied his inner feeling for leadership so that he might be able to help his county people, he continued to acend this ladder of education.

In 1919, Mr. Taylor entered the School of Education at Howard University. While there, he continued his favorite sports and at the same time digging deeply into trigonometry, German, Science, and other subjects that were required to complete the work at Howard needed for leadership in his county. He was also a member of the University's Chapter of Beta Sigma Fraternity and the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

The wonderful climax of the third progressive step came in 1923, with a happy commencement, both for a backward look, and a glimse into the future. "It could be imagined," he sasid to himself, "Good-bye Howard and here I come, Montgomery County. If you accept me I'll reveal to your boys and girls my vision of a fuller life." This meditation was heard. At the helm of Montgomery County's educational system was another product of the county, who about nineteen years before, was appointed Superintendent of Schools in Montgomery County. This superintendent was Dr. Edwin W. Broome, who has served the county for about 46 years, and will retire at the end of this school term.

Surely Dr. Broome saw within Mr. Taylor the thirst and sincere yearning for a greater development in education for the Negro, if they were to be better citizens. Therefore, in 1923, the same year he completed his work at Howard University, the Board of Education appointed Mr. Taylor, Supervisor of Negro Education in Montgomery County. This position he held until his death in 1951.

As Mr. Taylor ardously worked to improve schools and teaching in the elementary field, he also continued to dream and talk of a high school for Negro children. He had witnessed the strain of attending school in Washington, he thought of handicaps that others could not surmount, and of opportunities that might be missed by those who were not as fortunate as he. So he constantly approached Dr. Broome with his fruitful visions of a high school. Finally, the "Go ahead" signal was given.



The first Negro High School was located in Rockville, Maryland on the old elementary school ground. It began in 1927. It was a one-story building with four rooms. Of course this new school's hours could not last the full day, because Mr. Taylor having a feeling of brotherly love, did double duty; he taught the high school children in the morning and made visitations to elementary schools in the afternoon. Therefore, Mr. Taylor was the Pioneer in Negro Secondary Education in the County.

The parents were happy to have the higher education for their children, who if not able to leave the county for advanced education, had to go to work or stay around home. Although transportation, for a few years, had to be paid,

this did not stop the children from attending the high school.

The turn out of children from the elementary schools was so great that for the second year, Mr. Taylor was forced to ask for an additional instructors because his responsibilities were too great. Therefore the school term 1928-1929 brought relief of principalship for Mr. Taylor, for Mr. Watkins was appointed principal with Miss Queen McNeil, now annual substitute teacher in D. C., assistant teacher. Mr. Taylor also taught two social studies classes.

The third year of the high school ushered in still greater demands, problems and needs for the supervisor and faculty. The fall of 1929, or the third high school year, found that the Board of Education had graciously increased the staff by appointing Mr. Kemp, principal; as assistant teachers, Mr. Allen, Miss Edith Shepherd and Miss Ethel Mae McDowell, now assistant principal of Randall Junior High in Washington, D. C.

Despite the high school's humble beginning, we now have a Lincoln Junior High and a George Washington Carver Senior High School, each located in different communities, outside of Rockville. They are comparable to any in the

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History of Edwin W. Broome

Most of Dr. Broome's words must come from his friends and associates. This we found to be true. On April 19, 1953, a committee of the Dedicatory Committee held a conference with Dr. Broome in his office. During the visit, when he was asked for a few "high spots" in his life, he replied, with a broad smile, "Oh, get it from anywhere." His reply had to be carried out. Mr. Thomas W. Pyle, former principal of Bethesda Chevy Chase High School for twenty-three years, wrote the following in a daily paper:

Dr. Edwin W. Broome is a Montgomery County product. He was born on a Darnestown Farm in 1885. He attended the Andrew Small Academy there. He received degrees in law and education from George Washington University, Columbia University, and Johns Hopkins University were also attended by Dr. Broome. For twenty-four years he taught at the University of Maryland Summer School and Towson State Teachers' College.

Dr. Broome joined the county school system in 1906, teaching for two years in a one-room school at Cabin John. Then in 1908 he was named assistant superintendent of schools. Nine years later during World War I he became the superintendent. In those days there were forty one-room schools in Montgomery County and a few small high schools. Just think, the entire teaching staff was less than some high schools we now have.

For nearly a half century Dr. Broome's whole life has been focused on the county's schools and its children. It was early in his life that he caught a certain vision. Possibly it was this dream which endeared him to thousands of children he has known or who have been very familiar with the name, Dr. Broome, for it was focused on his tremendous faith in the possibility for the growth of a child.

Out of this faith grew his leadership, continually pressing for better schools, better teachers, and better parents. All these, he believes, create a situation in which the child can reach his greatest statue.

As a result of this dream, Montgomery County has been in the fore-front in establishing Kindergartens, Junior High Schools, Junior Colleges, the school lunch program, consolidated high schoolss, and a single salary schedule for elementary and high school teachers.

Dr. Broome believes in progressive education, step by step. In the 1920s the increased understanding of educational needs helped the movement for consolidation of schools. He also dreamed of a school system developing in a community that wanted for its children, what the best parent wants for his own child. He is proud of the county school system, but he sees much yet to be attained.

Dr. Broome's wife, Mrs. Maude Broome, was a former Washington school teacher; his daughter, Eleanor, is a Public Library worker in Washington. Before the visit ended we asked Dr. Broome to relate to us some of his teelings that he had for our late supervisor, Mr. Edward U. Taylor. When this was asked, the expressions were immediately advanced. The following are the direct words of our superintendent about our late supervisor, Mr. Taylor:

"He believed in children; that each child is important. He believed that education can improve the quality of living, and in so doing, the whole group benefits. He believed that education at best is based on science and research, and information, not on empty opinions or sporting data for it, that education is improving through better buildings, equipment, teaching, parent relationships, through which this school is an excellent example.

It is believed that Mr. Taylor would have been gratified, if living, to see all that this school stands for, for this entire area. No greater compliment, or testimony could be given than to erect this school and name it for him, since the school perpetuates new life year after year in each new generation."

Expressions made by Friends of Dr. Broome at the testimonial given him on May 2, 1953 at Richard Montgomery High School.

Dr. N. L. Englehardt, consultant on school planning, New York City; hailed Dr. Broome as a member of the first rank of philosophers of all times: "I divide school superintendents into two classes, and we are here to honor the entire first-class, Ed Broome. Dr. Broome never thought of education as a package product to be sold over the teacher's desk. Instead, the county school head was a pioneer in opening up vast new educational areas, and schools the nation over have imitated his techniques."

The Maryland Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., declared that Dr. Broome's regime has been characterized by "the good, the true, and the beautiful!"

At this testimonial, the Edwin W. Broome Educational Project was formally established. Funds collected from residents for the project will be used to collect, edit, and publish "expressions of his thinking and philosophy."



MRS. MARGARET T. JONES

Mrs. Margaret T. Jones, Supervisor of Elementary Schools in Montgomery County and principal of the Rock Terrace Elementary School in Rockville, is a product of the Washington schools; having graduated from the Miner Normal, now Miner Teachers' College. Her degrees were received from the following schools: A. B., Howard University, Washington, D. C.; M. A., Columbia University.

Advanced work has been pursued at Catholic University and New York University.

Mrs. Jones began teaching in Montgomery County in 1931. She was appointed principal of Lincoln Junior High School of Rockville, in 1950, the Board of Education appointed Mrs. Jones Supervisor of Elementary Schools, October 1951, succeeding our late supervisor.

Edward U. Taylor ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Boyd, Maryland

Re-Dedication

Thursday
May 22, 1969
7:15 P.M.

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During 1966, three additional acres were purchased from Leslie I. Gaines, the seller of the original tract in 1951, to bring the school site up to the county standard of ten acres.

The capital budget of 1968 provided funds to add a new instructional materials center, speech and hearing rooms, conference rooms, storage space, and modernization of the older building. The building addition was accepted by the Montgomery County Board of Education on November 25, 1968, and is being dedicated today, May 22, 1969.

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Dr. Charles I. Wiles, Jr. Principal, Edward U. Taylor School

Musical Interlude

Members of Head Start and Kindergarten

Members of Grades 1 - 6

Introduction of Guests and Guest Speaker

Mrs. Charles Linthicum Program Chairman

Dedication Address

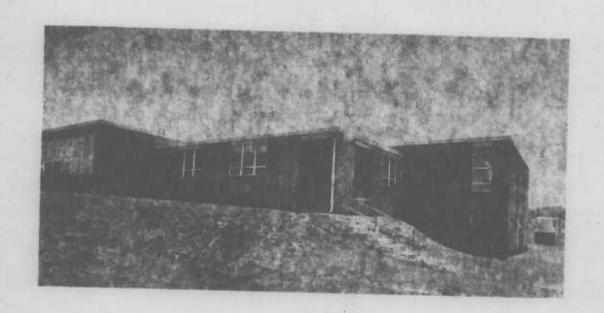
Dr. Clifford Beck Past Member and President Montgomery County Board of Education

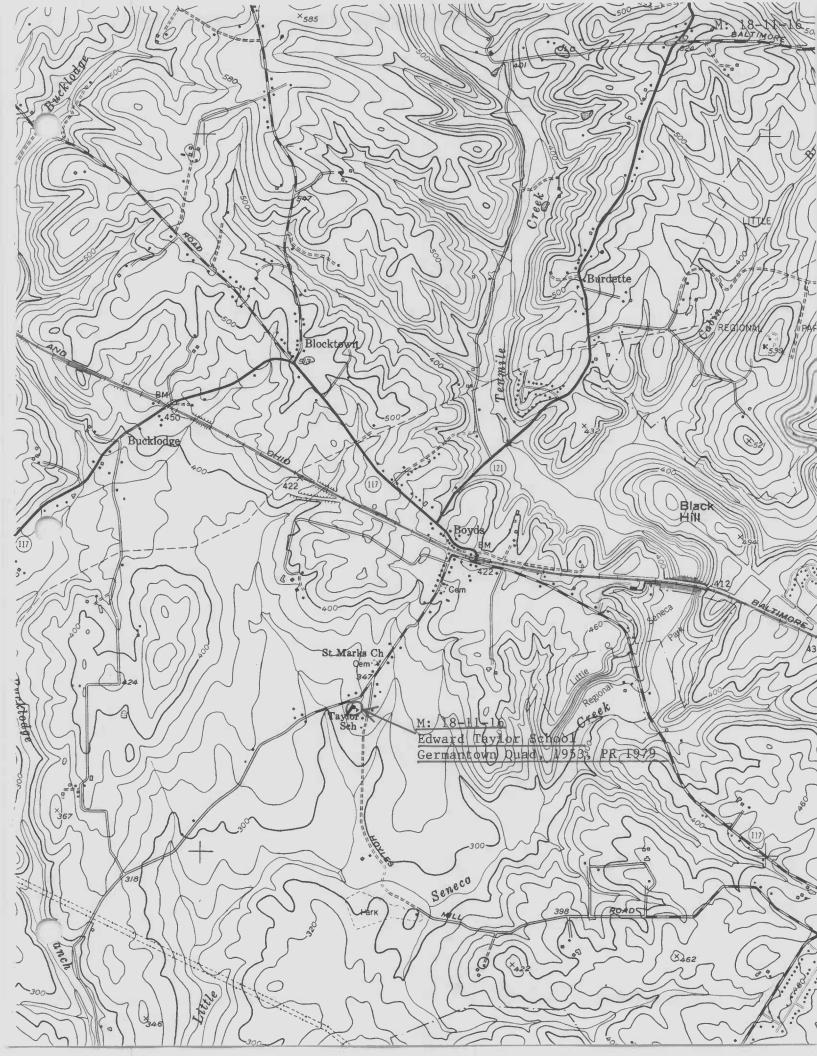
Benediction

Reverand Douglas Force St. Marks United Methodist Church

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